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WHITE HOUSE MEMORANDUM
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SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION STAFF

1. There is established under the immediate supervision of the Deputy Director, ORI, an Intelligence Coordination Staff (ICS), responsible for the following matters:

a. Intelligence requirements of the Department. The Intelligence Coordination Staff will keep continually informed as to the current and probable future intelligence needs of the Department, to insure that such needs are anticipated and met by ORI and OCD to the fullest extent possible, and that priorities of work established within ORI and OCD properly reflect the comparative needs of the various officials and Offices of the Department. In coordinating the work of the ORI and OCD Divisions with that of the other Offices, Divisions and Committees of the Department, ICS will establish or further direct contact between the individuals concerned wherever possible (or will utilize contacts already established) and will represent ORI or OCD only when several of their Divisions are concerned and their interests can better be served by Staff representation.

b. Interdepartmental Program. ICS will also, through the Central Intelligence Group of the National Intelligence Authority, keep informed as to the programs of research on foreign countries established for the Department of State and other participating government agencies, and make recommendations for the adjustment of the programs of ORI and OCD to the interdepartmental program, in order to eliminate duplication and to insure that the Department is fulfilling its responsibilities.

c. Research programs. ICS will, through the Projects Committee and by direct contact with each Division, maintain a continuing review of the work in progress and the research and reporting programs of each ORI Division, and (1) advise the Projects Committee as to the subjects and areas of research which should be initiated, emphasized or abandoned in order best to utilize the resources of ORI

***NOTE:** This memorandum is being issued in this form to expedite the establishment of ICS. In due course, consideration will be given to the appropriateness of covering this subject by Departmental Order.

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